

Here are some useful Apps to help with prayer and meditation. They are available from the App Store on your phone or other device:-

Pray As You Go - Daily Prayer

This is a lifestyle app which can be downloaded for free. For the past 16 years this app has provided a daily journey and encounter with God for millions of people around the world. It will support your prayer life each day with a short contemplative prayer session and an invitation to go deeper with other prayer tools, series, retreats and resources. It lasts between 10 and 13 minutes and combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

Universalis

This app helps you to follow the Mass each day. The "Mass Today" page merges the Order of Mass with the Readings and Prayers for the day, so you can follow the Mass right through without having to jump here and there through a missal. It costs approximately €12.



Christmas Tractor Run – Cooley Farm, Glenealy on Sunday, 10 Dec.



Tractor Run in aid of Wicklow Cancer Support will take place at Cooley Farm, Glenealy (A67 VE42) on Sunday, 10 December. Arrive at 1.30pm. Raffle at 3pm. Tractors, Trucks & Vintage Cars – all are welcome. Raffle and Prizes Best Dressed Vehicle. See Facebook and Instagram for further information.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP MONTHLY RAFFLE RESULTS

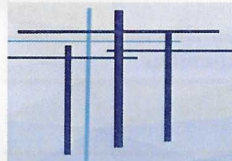
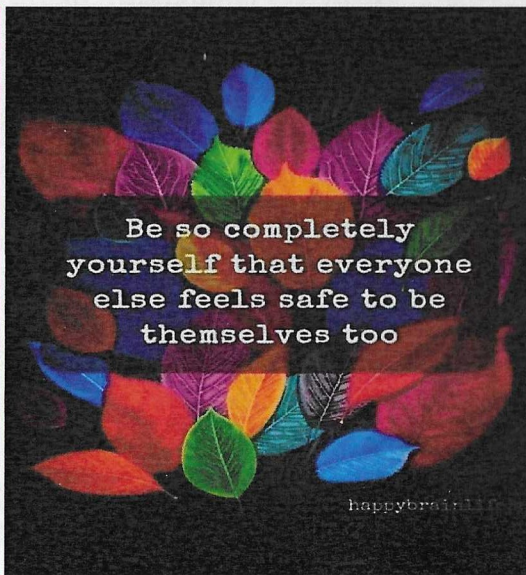
1st prize	€300	Mary Moore
2nd prize	€150	Teresa Nugent
3rd prize	€100	Tony & Louise O'Brien
4th prize	€ 50	Oliver McDermott

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year B

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Gospel Reflections for the Year B. Mark - Donal Neary

Weeks of Mercy

There's a family expectancy on the air about Christmas, people looking forward to the celebration just now. Even if we dread bits of Christmas, and many do, we know that there is something very good about it. We look forward to it, as we look forward to the visit of someone we love, or a holiday afterwards, or the break from work.

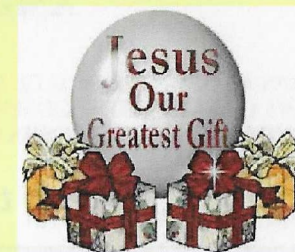
The people at Jesus' time were like that – looking forward to the 'one who is to come' It would all take time, and the last of the messengers was John the Baptist. His mother would await his birth with huge expectation.

He preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness, that we do not have to carry forever the burden of sin, meanness and our faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy. The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life – to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy. It is a call and a challenge to forgive others.

Advent is not complete without some admission of sin and our need for mercy. The parish celebrations of the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) in common or individually is step which makes our celebration of Christmas complete.

For this week: say the angelus on waking, at noon and at 6 p.m.

May our good and gracious God have mercy on us all, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life together. Amen.



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	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Paddy Andrews Seamus D'Arcy	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Rob Douglas, Martin, Jane, John & Teresa Driver	

World Peace

Our thoughts are with the suffering people of the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray that peace will come to these troubled lands. Remember those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Enlighten world leaders; make them wise in their decisions. Make all of us instruments of your peace.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

We keep in our prayers those who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist at this time.



The Pope's Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH 3rd November 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €315
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €610
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €275
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €115

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

First Reading : Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Psalm : Luke 1

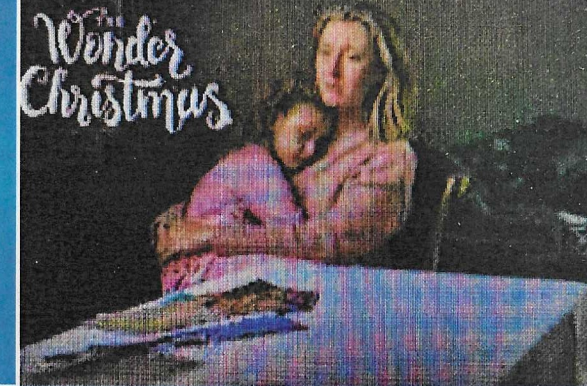
Second : 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel : 1:6-8, 19-28



Society of St Vincent de Paul

*Wonder
Christmas*



This year's Annual Appeal is focused on providing help to struggling parents who wonder how they will provide a Happy Christmas for their families. The campaign is entitled "The Wonder of Christmas" and subtitled "Will we have Christmas at all".

The Annual Christmas collection for the St Vincent De Paul will be held this weekend of the 9th/10th December - it will replace the normal SHARE collection in all Churches. Your support for the Society is always very much appreciated but especially at this time of year with so many needy cases all around us.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

*Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on
Sunday 17th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.*



This has become a very popular part of our Christmas schedule and is a lovely way to lead into Christmas week.

Our Hospitality Group will be on hand in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre with the mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

Why not take a little time out and join us?

Everybody is very welcome!